

LESS FOR EDUCATION—
MORE FOR LUXURY

Washington, Dec. 21.—"Education is the vital element on the success of any nation," said the Hon. John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, in a public speech, pointing to vocational training and industrial teaching in such manufacturing centers as Detroit as an example of the practical value of education.

Continuing, the commissioner quoted statistics proving that the one and one-half billion dollars spent on education in the Nation last year was a large sum in itself, was pitiful when compared with the twenty-two billions spent for luxuries.

"From these statistics," he said, "it would appear that the country cares more for chewing gum, cigars, cigarettes, and cosmetics than it does for education."

Educators have seized upon this comparison as a striking argument in favor of the passage of the Towner-Sterling bill, now before congress, creating a Department of Education, with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet. The bill appropriates a hundred million dollars to be spent among the states in the aid of education. One hundred millions is the two hundred and twentieth part of last year's country-wide bill for luxuries.

Dr. Tigert drew attention to the "insidious propaganda" spread by some agency against the expenditure of large sums by the government in aid of education, and termed the proper and wise use of money in education as the salvation of the country against many of the evils of ignorance, intolerance, and fanaticism, which menace its prosperity.

SWEET BRIAR

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tompkins of Hood River and Miss Lucy Rodgers of Duval, Wash., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rodgers of Sweet Briar. Mrs. Tompkins, formerly Miss Mary Rodgers, is a very recent bride and is teaching Home Economics in a Hood River

high school. Miss Rodgers is also teaching Home Economics in Duval.

The Sweet Briar school closed for the holidays on Friday with a Xmas program and tree. The following program was rendered under the direction of Miss Bessie Brigham, the teacher:

Star of the East Song
The Sweetest Bells.....Harriet Smouse
The Chimney's Size.....Bertha Dunham
Christmas Shopping.....Alice Kyniston
The First Christmas Tree

..... Francis Dunham
I'd Like to Know.....Dora Kyniston
I'd Rather Have.....Rudolph Thompson
Why?Salinda Wesel
What the Reindeer Did.....Louise Wesel

Edward Kyniston, Minnie Kyniston
Getting a Christmas Tree.....

..... Edwin Dunham
Rather Hard..... Fritz Wesel
Santa Claus Carl Wesel

After this program the children were made happy when Santa distributed their presents. The visitors included: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kyniston, Mrs. Willard Graves and daughter Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Romtvedt, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. O. Thompson, Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Murray.

School opens again on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Mr. Dunham and family are spending the winter on the Gardner place in the Sweet Briar district. The Dunhams are recent arrivals from Montana.

COMEDY PROGRAM
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HARDING SELECTION

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be more unfitting than the naming of Butler.

When asked for specific incidents of corporate activity on the part of Butler, Shipstead referred to a report prepared by Delos F. Wilcox, a New York accountant, based on an examination of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company. This company, Shipstead said, with Butler acting as its attorney, used every artifice and technicality to prevent examination of its books by the municipal authorities.

Twin City Transit Report Reflects
Against Butler.

Asked as to the disclosure in the Wilcox report, Shipstead said it showed "a yellow dog fund" totaling several hundred thousand dollars from which money was paid to various public officials and men of great political influence during the period when the corporation was seeking special favors from the Legislature or the City Council.

This is not the sum total of the alleged unfitness of Butler for the Supreme Court bench. It is just an incident. Shipstead wants the senatorial sub-committee to summon witnesses to fortify his attack, and he names three university professors among them, namely Stanley Hyman of the University of Minnesota, Gerhard Dietrichson of the University of Illinois, and Felix Frankfurter of Harvard University, besides a number of other distinguished citizens.

"This is not a personal matter," said Shipstead. "It is not a political matter. I have nothing against Mr. Butler personally, but he ought not to be permitted to sit on the Supreme court of the United States, and this can be definitely demonstrated."

Privately some of the anti-Harding men admit of a belief that the nomination of Butler is likely to be confirmed, but if it is, they say there is no doubt the result will be a widening of the existing party division. La Follette will lead the opposition to Butler in the executive session of the Senate, and he will be backed by Senator Norris. Ayres Butler is spoken of in legislative circles as "Boomerang Butler," and this is not to the liking of the White House, by any means.

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